

(Rs. crore)

		Increase/decrease of bank credit during the first three month of the financial year			
		2000-2001		1999-2000	
		Outstanding as on June 30, 2000	Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) in three months	Outstanding as on June 18, 1999	Increase(+)/ Decrease(-) in three months
Total credit	Bank	455261	(+)21079	366120	(+)166
Of which: Food credit		33182	(+)7491	22221	(+)5405
Non-food credit		422079	(+)13589	343898	(-)5289

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Corruption in BIFR

3183. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 5405 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th July, 2000 and state:

- what is the total number of cases pending with BIFR;
- whether it is a fact that there is rampant corruption in BIFR and only selective action is taken; and
- if so, what steps are being taken to rectify the performance of BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As reported by Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) 1062 cases are pending with BIFR at various stages of the hearings as on 30th June, 2000.

(b) and (c) The Board has reported that it is not a fact that there is rampant corruption in BIFR. The cases are taken up not selectively as alleged but on merits of each case. The delays take place due to limited number of benches and the

procedures involved under the law. The Board has taken following steps for speedy clearance of the pending cases:—

- * Increased the number of bench hearings.
- * Working of Operating Agencies (OAs) made more effective by insisting on higher level of representations in the hearings.
- * OAs have been directed to monitor and implement Board's decisions on a continuing basis.

Pension Scheme for Associate Banks of SBI

3184. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether associate banks of SBI have decided to introduce the pension scheme for employees and invited options from them;

(b) if so, the number of employees who opted for the scheme in each associate Bank;

(c) whether Government have received complaints that some officers of associate banks have not forwarded the options of some employees to their Head-Office;

(d) if so, whether concerned banks have explained as to why the action on their options were not taken-up by the Banks; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to safeguard the interest of the employees whose options have not so far been accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bank-wise number of employees who opted for the pension is as under:

S.No.	Name of the Bank	No. of Employees
1.	State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	11,678
2.	State Bank of Hyderabad	11,340
3.	State Bank of Indore	4,914
4.	State Bank of Mysore	6,535